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Georgina Parkes



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Where the rubber meets the ice:

Long-time competitor Terry Dalton chases down the leaders in the Minden ice races on Saturday, Jan. 31. Dalton races every year, coming up each weekend, and has the Minden House B & B name on both sides of his car. The establishment's owner said Dalton chose to put the name on the car without any cost because he enjoys his stay at the B&B during the ice races.

Gallery expansion on hold again

by IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI
Times staff

A wave of disappointment and frustration rippled through the Minden Hills council chambers last week as council decided to decline the current tender for the expansion of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery.

In a five-two decision, council voted to say no to the \$434,000 bid to build the 2,000 square foot addition and postponed until July the decision to lend \$162,400 over three years to finance the project.

A joint agreement with the federal and provincial governments already has the township committed to giving \$52,000 to the project, but the gallery committee has asked the municipality for a loan to cover other costs. At previous meetings, council had agreed to lend the funds, but rising building costs have caused councillors to reconsider.

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Garbage limit cut to three bags a week

by IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI
Times staff

Minden Hills council is calling on residents to be part of the landfill solution by reducing the amount of waste dumped at landfill sites.

As of June 1st, residents will be required to cut down on garbage disposal, council decided at a recent meeting.

In a unanimous decision, council passed a resolution to cut waste allowance from five bags a day to three bags a week.

"Five bags a day is a bit of a joke," Councillor Peter Oyler said. "People have to be more conscious of what they can recycle and reuse."

Reeve Ross Rigney agreed.

"We have been shaken up in the last 30 days," he said, referring to the recent Ministry of Environment report that revealed that the

township's landfills are in a critical state.

"We have to move ahead and get people to start understanding the importance of reducing waste," he added.

Council plans to begin an aggressive educational campaign to teach residents how to cut down on waste.

The campaign will likely include ads and an open letter in the press, as well as a separate flyer to be distributed with the interim tax bill.

Councillor Cheryl Murdoch insisted the campaign include background information about the history of landfill sites and the state of crisis they are currently experiencing.

"No one should come and say they didn't know," she said. "We are running out of time. We have to do something and we have to do it now."

The re-education campaign will extend to the long weekend in May, when council hopes

to catch both permanent and seasonal residents at landfill sites.

"It's clean-out weekend," Councillor Clayton Cameron said.

Deputy Reeve Jim McMahon raised the issue of enforcement, asking how council expected to ensure that residents were complying with the new bylaw.

Robert Romberg, the township's environmental and property operations manager, said that enforcement would be in the hands of landfill attendants and was confident that it would work in most cases.

"But even if we can only reduce waste by 50 per cent, it would be a tremendous step in the right direction," he added.

Cameron suggested using a tag system to enforce the bylaw; meaning each household would be issued a certain amount of tags.

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OPP outlines business plan for 2004

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

Staff Sergeant Bob Walli of the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment attended the recent Community Policing Advisory Committee meeting to outline the local detachment's 2004 business plan.

"The commitment is basically unchanged," Walli said. "We are concentrating on visibility."

The plan is to increase foot patrols for officers and to have more personal contact with the business community.

Walli said the OPP is striving for an emergency shelter as a safety net against domestic violence. The project is spearheaded by the YWCA.

The number of accidents investigated by the OPP in 2003 was lower than 2002 and the fatality rate was the lowest in four years.

The business plan Walli presented to the CPAC members included statistics on traffic collisions, including the number of personal injury accidents (108) and fatalities (2) for 2003, as well as statistics for the previous three years. The total number of motor vehicle collisions investigated in 2003 was 592. Of those, 5.9 per cent or 35 were alcohol-related.

In his message from the detachment commander in the

business plan, Walli said, "We are proud of the fact that we helped people get to and from cottage country with fewer accidents than the previous year and we hope to continue this trend in 2004."

A survey conducted last winter found that some people didn't know how to contact the OPP. Walli said the implementation of the 9-1-1 system later this year will help that situation. "The County of Haliburton and our members look forward to the implementation of the county-wide 9-1-1 system."

The survey revealed that 20 per cent of respondents were involved in snowmobile or ATV activity and 40 per cent were boaters. The respondents said property crime, drugs and violence as top issues. More than 94 per cent found officers of the Haliburton Highlands detachment approachable. Walli said approachability is a key factor to helping solve crime.

The communications centre that serves this area will be changed from Orillia to Smiths Falls. Walli said the OPP cars will get new and better radios. His only concern is that the new dispatchers in Smiths Falls will have very limited knowledge of Haliburton County. He said the new system will be in co-operation with Bell Canada so the OPP will have access to the Bell towers. "It should result in better, more reliable communications," Walli said.

The local detachment has a full complement of 24 officers. One officer is dedicated to traffic, concentrating on problem areas and one is dedicated to property crime (investigating break and enter crimes) for a five-month time frame.

Walli noted that "civilian data entry" is being used on a trial basis. Under the system, officers will dictate details of reports and they will be entered on a computer by personnel provided by the City of Kawartha Lakes OPP. Walli said this service will allow officers more time to work in the field. "Officers won't have to sit in front of a computer typing out reports," he said. "The City of Kawartha Lakes has the equipment to take the informa-

tion over the phone."

Property crime was up in 2003 from 2002. A rash of stealing from vehicles contributed to those statistics. Break and enters were up slightly over the same time period.

The OPP is responding to increased numbers of criminal record searches. The increasing concern of service agencies and businesses to ensure that workers and volunteers are above reproach has resulted in more frequent searches. Walli said the searches involve more than a CPIC (Canadian Police Information Centre) search, which only shows whether someone has a criminal record. "The searches involve more than a criminal record check," Walli noted.

Walli said the recreational use of all terrain vehicles (ATVs) became a front page issue as changes to legislation increased access of these vehicles to roadways. "This change will provide challenges to municipalities, emergency response and law enforcement as it becomes a reality in 2004. Our detachment will continue to work with community partners in order to make the transition as beneficial and accident free as possible."

The plan includes a profile of the area covered by the OPP. For example, the local detachment coverage area is nearly 3,900 square kilometres, with 167 km of provincial highways and 1,350 km of county and township roads. The year-round population of the county is 14,000, with an influx of more than 90,000 people to the area over the summer months.

The bad news for taxpayers is that the 2004 cost estimate will be "substantially higher" than last year. The reason for the increase is the negotiated contract settlements, which result in "two years of catch-up on wages." The contract settlement gives personnel an 8 per cent increase over the two years (2002 and 2003). He said the 2004 estimates should be available by late March or early April.



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Gallery expansion should not be turned down hastily. See EDITORIAL page 8

Education as essential as enforcement, says new forestry official

by IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI
Times staff

Adam Barkovitz is amused at the thought of being in the newspaper.

"There are more interesting people out there," he says, his blue eyes sparkling with laughter.

But as the county's new forest conservation bylaw enforcement officer, Barkovitz is going to quickly become a recognizable face around these parts.

After only a month on the job, he can already see how important the forestry industry is in Haliburton County.

"The majority of the county is quite knowledgeable and quite versed in forestry," the soft-spoken 25-year old said.

Although his job is to enforce the county's updated forestry by-law, which came into effect in December 2003, Barkovitz sees his role more as an educator.

"I hope to improve upon the forestry practices that are happening," he said. "To help educate the public and try to improve the image of logging in the county."

Looking at the size of the county, it seems like a big job for one man. But Barkovitz isn't concerned.

He hopes that people will be active in helping spot areas of concern.

"If they have any concerns about logging operations, they should call me before the operation is over."

He stresses that once the cutting is done, he can do little to undo the damage.

"Once a tree is cut I can't put the pieces back together," he says.

But when the conversation turns to his philosophy on the environment, Barkovitz is resolute.

"I feel that the natural resources that we have in the county are extremely valuable," he says. "A lot of loggers out there are concerned with sustainability. They want to leave something for their grandchildren."

Forestry is something of a passion for Barkovitz. He is in the midst of complet-



Adam Barkovitz

ing his forestry degree from Lakehead University where he is writing his thesis on multiple-use forestry.

"It's about combining recreation opportunities with harvesting and possibly other forest products," he said.

The Ottawa native, who spent most of his life in Oakville, moved to the county a few years ago to teach children outdoor education such as winter survival, ecology, and cross-country skiing.

For Barkovitz, who has spent years working in reforestation, tree-planting, aerial spray work, and forestry consulting, this job is a perfect fit.

And for the outdoor buff, the best part of his new job is that he doesn't have to spend all day behind a desk.

"I am getting to see so much of the county and meeting some really great people," he said. "I learn something new every day."

911 numbering proves a difficult issue when property has water access

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of 911-related items discussed at Wednesday's county council meeting.

While the responsibility for tracking new properties to be added to the 9-1-1 system will fall to municipalities, it will be the county's job to make sure the signs are installed under a proposed protocol being circulated to municipal councils.

The protocol is intended to keep the 9-1-1 emergency numbering system up-to-date once it is established this summer.

The county has assumed responsibility of paying for and installing all road and property number signs leading up to the implementation of 911. After that, however, owners of properties which are created after this summer, and which are on private roads, must pay for their own signs, which they must also install following established guidelines.

Adherence to such protocols are considered to be essential in terms of limiting the county's liability should there ever be a lawsuit resulting from an emergency call. The county must show due diligence in ensuring that new properties are made to install proper signage.

This is particularly important in Haliburton County where it is estimated that 80 per cent of properties are accessed by private roads.

It is felt that the easiest way to add new properties to the 911 system is through the building permit process, which is a municipal task.

Kawagama Lake

Under the 9-1-1 protocol, water-access properties will not be given individual numbers. Instead, they will be given the number of the access point where the owners launch their boat.

This system will work on most lakes in

the county, at least in the interim, but Dorset's fire chief says it is not appropriate for Kawagama Lake.

Not only is Kawagama the largest lake in the county but the majority of its properties are accessed by water, not roads. The fastest way for the fire department to reach the property may not be via the established boat launch.

For instance, a property owner may park their boat at Old Mill Marina but the lake association may have an emergency boat parked closer to the property. The association and the fire department want to ensure that the fastest method of reaching a property is incorporated into the 9-1-1 system.

The numbering procedure is not much of an issue to paramedics who, by law, must have the patient delivered to the land access point; they cannot travel on water. And finding a property that's burning isn't difficult because of the smoke. However, volunteer firefighters in Dorset also provide first response services for medical emergency calls. They want to ensure they have a clear idea where they are supposed to go and know the fastest way to get there.

There will a meeting of the heads of local emergency services, 9-1-1 co-ordinator Stephen Foster and representatives of the Dorset fire department, the Kawagama Lake association and Algonquin Highlands council to discuss the issue.

CAO Gary King noted that the Kawagama association was prepared to help with the signage, which is a significant offer and much appreciated.

Foster also noted that, when the protocol was drafted, it was acknowledged that the numbering system for water access properties was far from perfect but it was felt it can be improved as time goes on. It was important to have some policy on the books to ensure this summer's deadline could be reached.

Arts can't flourish without community backing

Newcomers are strong supporters, but broader base needed, forum concludes

by IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI
Times staff

Without the support and backing of a community that treasures it, culture will be unable to sustain itself.

That was the main theme to come out of the arts public forum held by the Minden Hills Cultural Centre last Saturday.

Only 20 residents, many of them already devoted to the community arts scene, gathered to discuss the future of the township's gallery, museum and library.

Those present included Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney, who said he had attended out of curiosity and a strong belief in encouraging community involve-

ment.

"Look around," he said in an interview. "Ninety-nine per cent of the people here are latecomers to the area. Where are our local people? We have to make it interesting to our local population."

Facilitated by hired consultants Margaret May and Shiralee Hudson of LORD Cultural Resource Planning and Management centre, the event included small and large group brainstorming sessions.

The group work began with May asking those present to reflect on the most significant cultural experience they can remember.

The responses varied among the group

members, but most had a common thread: the experiences were shared with family.

"We get (school) children to come to the museum because we think if we start them off early, they will gain an appreciation of it," May said. "But it's when they come with their families that they become repeat visitors."

The meeting gave community members a chance to be part of the planning process.

"No cultural institution can be self-sustaining," May said. "They all need support from the community."

For those present, the day was full of fresh ideas for reviving the Cultural Centre, such as adding a cafeteria or cof-

fee house and extending hours to include more family-friendly time.

The idea of a cultural institution as a gathering place was raised several times throughout the day.

"The next step is not to just call it the Cultural Centre but for it to become the cultural centre," May said.

Laurie Carmount, administrator of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, called the meeting extraordinary because it gave her hope for the centre's future.

"The next three to five years look really good," she said optimistically. "The meeting moved us five or six jumps ahead on the huge learning curve we are on right now."

Council split on allowing new business lot without direct public road access

The following are brief notes from last week's Minden Hills council meeting.

Road access on property splits council

Despite the objections of councillors who called it "bad planning," council approved, by a four-to-three vote, the creation of a business lot without any access to a public road.

Stoneworth Ltd., the owners of the Limberlost property that fronts on Highway 35, wants to sell a portion of its property to Windy Ridge Homes.

To access its new lot, Windy Ridge Homes would have to use an easement on the private road running through the Limberlost property.

Though Limberlost's application has granted the use of the road to Windy Ridge Homes, Councillors Clayton Cameron, Ron Buchanan and Ingram Wessell hoped to stop the lot's creation.

Reeve Ross Rigney, in his defense of the lot severance, said it met all the conditions required by the municipality's Official Plan.

Deputy Reeve Jim McMahon added that the municipality has approved the creation of similar lots in the past, and it wasn't setting a precedent.

The new lot will be used to display a model house and operate a sales office from inside it.

Noise and environment worries may derail dock company's plan

At the request of the Ministry of Transportation, who has not yet had a chance to examine the site, council deferred making a decision about the rezoning of a commercial property in Carnarvon. William Royal Geddis, the current owner of the property, operated a sheet metal business on the site for over twenty years. He now wishes to sell his property to Owen Trefrey who wants to set up a dock business that will also sell dock accessories such as boat lifts, ladders and bumpers.

Residents living in the vicinity, are concerned about noise pollution and environmental damages resulting from this type of business.

Trefrey assured council that his businesses does not require use of harmful chemicals and that noise levels would be kept to a minimum, considering he is the only employee of the company.

Councillor Clayton Cameron said he is concerned because the property is in a very quiet residential area.

Councillor Peter Oyler suggested restricting the business operation to indoors only, thus removing the concern of noise pollution.

Council voted to defer the matter until the Feb. 27.



Low temperatures and biting winds characterized January in the Highlands

January a frigid month

by PHIL GRAHAM

The saying in January was "Is it cold enough for you?" Truly it was a very cold month, especially after the mild December. The average temperature for the month was -14.7°C , two degrees cooler than last January. It seemed even colder as we had more wind than normal. The coldest temperature we endured so far this winter is 36.5°C (33.7°F). For precipitation, we had only one day with rain but plenty of snow. The total precipitation was 76. mm compared to 85 mm last January.

Trivia: Which location in Canada has the best chance of a groundhog not seeing his shadow on February 2 and predicting an early spring? Believe it or not it's Wiarton, Ontario.

Average high:	-9.4°C , 15°F
Average low:	-20.0°C , -4°F
Average for the month:	-14.7°C , -5.5°F
Average for last January:	-12.1°C , -10.2°F
Highest temperature: Jan. 3	6.0°C 42.8°F
Lowest temperature: Jan. 25	-36.5°C , 33.7°F
Rain:	12mm, .4 in
Snow:	64 cm, 25.1 in
Total precipitation:	76.0 mm, 2.9 in
Total precipitation for last January:	85.0 mm, 3.3 in
Snow on ground: Jan. 31:	38 cm, 15 in
Snow on ground last Jan. 31:	43cm, 17 in
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Days with snow or rain:	11
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Trappers workshop draws 150 people

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

The annual Trappers Workshop at the Minden Community Centre saw an estimated 150 people attend. The event was open to the general public as well as fur harvesters.

One of the most popular events was the fur fashion show, presented by Cahill Furriers of Peterborough. One of the models was Ashley Tamlin, Miss Teen Lindsay. Her theme as Miss Lindsay is "Canada's Natural Beauty - Women in the Outdoors."

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students Michelle Christian, Maria Rodriguez and Karyn Christian added their own beauty to the luxurious fur coats supplied by Cahill Furriers. Maria Rodriguez is an exchange student from Venezuela.

The workshop included several contests for all ages, as well as skinning competitions and numerous door prizes. Several booths were set up, providing everything from trapping supplies to Tupperware, as well as showcasing the talents of Terry and Liz Cowen or Fish Fur Game Taxidermy of Haliburton.

Past President of the Minden District Fur Harvesters Brian Austen and his wife Charlene were honoured for their service and dedication to the Association.

The following are the results of the Trappers' Workshop competitions:

Fur Prepared at Home - Adults

Best Bundle (three furs): First Mike Pecarskie; second Brian Austen; third Ted Nottage

Beaver: First Brian Austen; second Mike Pecarskie

Marten: First Mike Pecarskie; second Brian Austen

Fisher: First Mike Pecarskie; second Phil Tamlin

Otter: First Mike Pecarskie; second Kevin Cole

Raccoon: First Phil Tamlin; second Mike Pecarskie

Fox: First Mike Pecarskie; second Ed Skrabek

Coyote: First Phil Tamlin; second Mike Pecarskie

Mink: First Mike Pecarskie

Fur Prepared at Home - Kids

Muskrat: First David Skrabek; second James Pecarskie; third Dylan Tamlin

Weasel: First Mark Pecarskie; second David Skrabek

Squirrel: First Mark Pecarskie; second David Skrabek; third Dylan Tamlin

Mink: First David Skrabek

Beaver: First David Skrabek

Fur Done at the Workshop - Adults

Beaver: First Mike Pecarskie; second Ted Nottage; third Brian Austen

Marten: First Ted Nottage; second Brian Austen

Fisher: First Ed Skrabek; second Brian Austen; third Phil Tamlin

Otter: First Norm Bolton; second Glenn Bolton; third Anson Bolton

Raccoon: First Ed Skrabek

Fox: First Ed Skrabek

Muskrat: First Ashley Tamlin; second Ryan Branton



The annual Trappers Workshop held at the Minden Community Centre on January 18 featured a fur fashion show. Models included, left to right, Miss Teen Lindsay Ashley Tamlin, whose theme is "Canada's Natural Beauty - Women in the Outdoors", Michele Christian, exchange student Maria Rodriguez from Venezuela and Karyn Christian. Rodriguez and the Christian twins are students at HHSS.

Fur Done at the Workshop - Kids

Muskrat: First David Skrabek; second James Pecarskie; third Dylan Tamlin;

Honourable Mentions Mark Pecarskie, Cody Tamlin, Dalton Burke, Conner Bolton

Weasel: First Cody Tamlin; second Mark Pecarskie;

Squirrel: First David Skrabek; second Mark Pecarskie; third James Pecarskie

Mink: First David Skrabek; second Mark Pecarskie

Beaver: First Eric Bolton Raccoon: First Ryan Tamlin

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Committee says increase in costs only \$1,400 for municipality

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"There are just too many unknowns," Councillor Peter Oyler said, referring to the lack of confirmed grants for the project. "If the Cultural Centre Foundation didn't raise a nickel, our total commitment would be \$259,000."

The foundation, the fundraising arm of the Cultural Centre, is committed to raising \$45,000.

Councillor Jim McMahon said he would like to support the project but shared Oyler's concern about the variables.

"There are inconsistencies and unknown numbers. What is the figure going to be," he asked, echoing council's confusion over the costs.

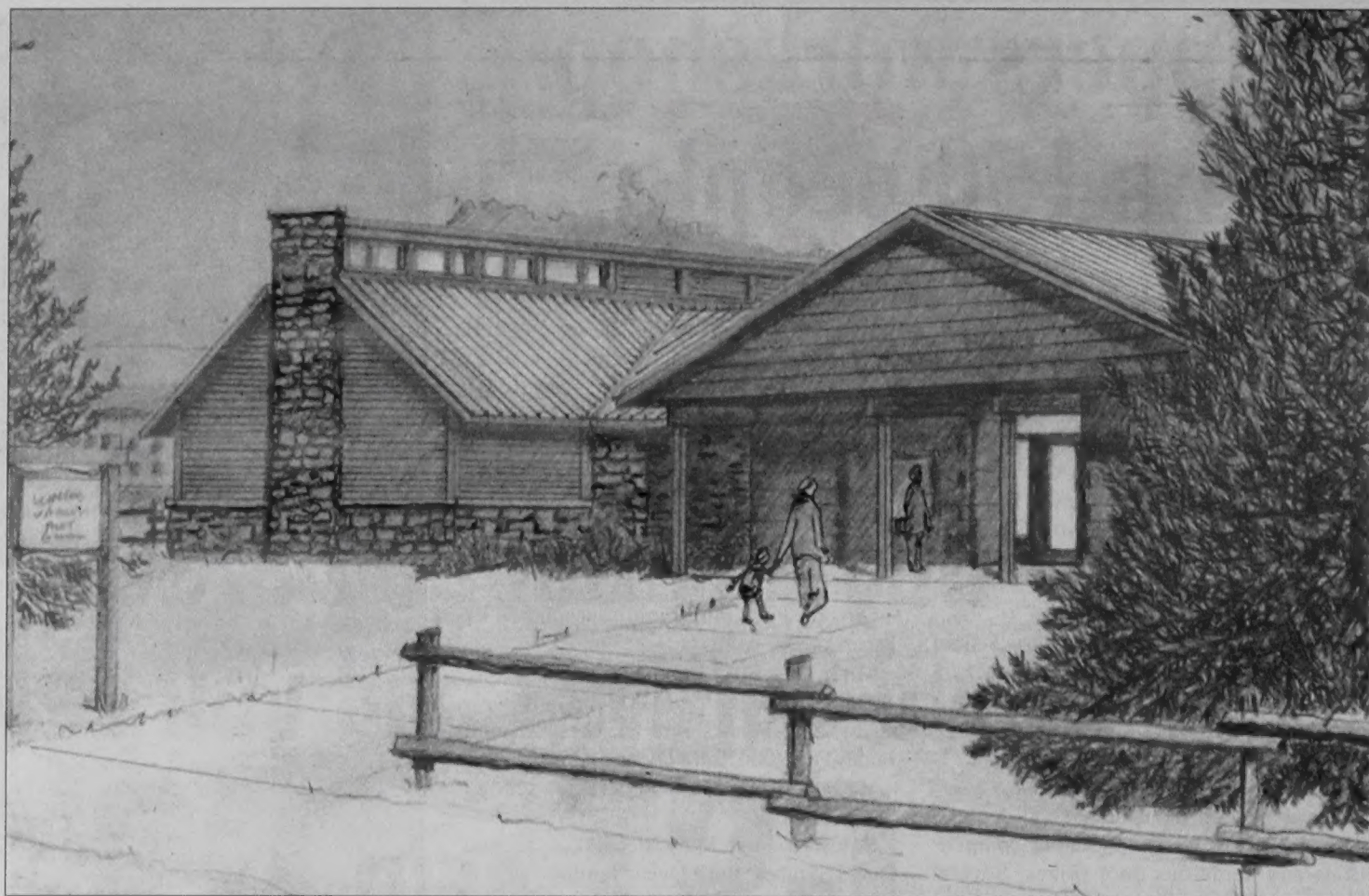
The Agnes Jamieson committee, chaired by Georgina Parkes, expressed frustration at the decision.

"I am personally very disappointed," Parkes said in an interview early this week. "The previous council had agreed to finance \$161,000 and we are asking for \$162,400. I don't think an additional \$1,400 is a lot over three years. I was stunned, really."

The committee came back last Thursday with a lower tender and a detailed outline of the grants they hope will provide the funds to repay the municipality.

"I still think we are getting ripped off," Councillor Ron Buchanan said, referring to the tender. "But on the other hand, if we re-tender down the road, we might get a worse quote. I vote we go ahead. So we don't go backwards, we go forward."

Reeve Ross Rigney, who along with Buchanan voted to accept the tender,



G.M. Diemert's architectural rendering of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, complete with the 2000 square foot addition. The new space would be used to house the world-renowned works of Andre Lapine.

urged council to have some faith in the project.

"We have an opportunity to do something here that is important to this community. We have to take a chance," he said. "Have some faith. Give them the three years to do this."

Councillor Cheryl Murdoch said it is an issue of timing.

"The timelines stink. It couldn't be worse. We are doing preliminary budgets," she said, adding that "there isn't one person here that doesn't want this project to happen."

The project, which has been in the works for more than three years, would give the gallery a Class A distinction, said Sylvia Rose, a committee member and local artist.

"A Class A distinction means a building is built to allow shows to be displayed so they don't deteriorate," she said. It requires the building to be temperature and

"We have an opportunity to do something here that is important to this community. We have to take a chance."

ROSS RIGNEY

humidity controlled, she added.

The township's world-renowned collection of Andre Lapine's work, which is currently boxed, would be among the many exhibits to grace the walls of the new building.

"We would be able to feature shows of that calibre," Rose said.

Councillor Clayton Cameron said he

believed costs would eventually go down and wanted council to wait until July to make any decisions.

"We would not be doing a service to the municipality if we accepted this tender at this time. But we would also be doing a disservice to the gallery committee if we said this would never happen," he said.

Not completing the project by this season's opening will have significant consequences for the schedule of events and exhibits already planned, Carmount said in an interview.

"Eighty per cent of the programming and exhibitions will have to be cancelled or reworked," she said. "It's very late in the season for this."

Despite this setback, Carmount remains optimistic about the future of this project.

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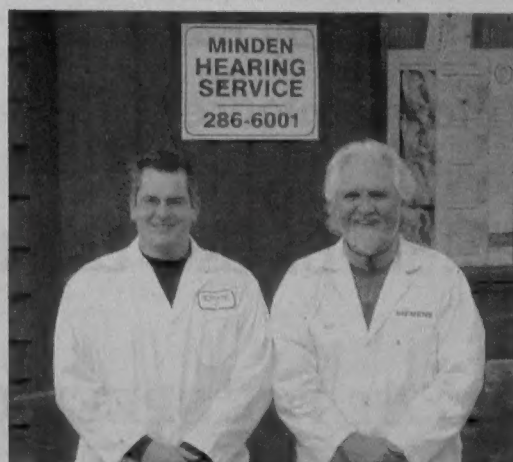
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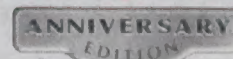
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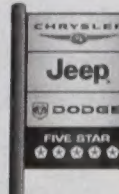


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EDITORIAL COMMENT

What price culture?

The council of Minden Hills has made an unpopular decision regarding the expansion of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. Five of the municipality's seven councillors voted to reject the \$434,000 tender to build the 2,000 square foot addition.

The consensus among the five dissenters was that there are too many variables or uncertainties regarding funding. Will the arts community – the culturally inclined – be able to live up to its commitment of \$45,000 to the project?

If that apprehension sidetracked every project that required funding from the community, we would be sadly lacking in cultural and recreational facilities and programs. Such facilities as the gallery and cultural centre attract visitors from other areas – visitors who spend money here.

Could it be the recent revelation that the life expectancy of the municipality's landfill sites is much shorter than expected has made councillors gun shy about their use of taxpayers' money?

If support for the gallery expansion meant serious cuts would have to be made to essential services, we would have to agree with council's decision. There is no evidence of that, or at least none has been voiced.

Will the cost of construction go down if the project is delayed by six months, as has been suggested? Will calling for new tenders result in a better deal for the municipality?

The questions that really need to be asked are: When was the last time a six-month delay in construction resulted in a decrease in cost? And, how often does a second or third tender result in decreased costs – without some sacrifice in quality?

As it stands, the Agnes Jamieson Gallery has a collection of Andre Lapine artwork that is the envy of much larger facilities. But the collection won't be on display any time soon because such a valuable collection must be exhibited in a temperature and humidity controlled atmosphere. The current facility is not suitable for long-term display of such work. So, the Lapine collection will be kept in storage until the gallery is upgraded.

In addition, the Agnes Jamieson Gallery has been forced to decline at least one offer of an art collection because it doesn't have the proper atmosphere to ensure the works of art do not deteriorate.

Cultural Centre Foundation volunteers may be forced to demonstrate to council their commitment to the gallery expansion project. Is it possible for them to raise the required cash to honour their commitment? That remains to be seen. But to question that ability may be unjustified.

The decision may have been a huge disappointment to the culturally inclined, but it can also serve as incentive to become more aggressive in the quest to raise funds for the project.

Almost every worthwhile project requires some amount of risk. In this case, it involves more than just the confidence council may or may not have in the foundation's volunteers. Coaxing money from local people and businesses who also contribute to numerous other worthwhile causes may be difficult. But it is not impossible. People in the arts community are creative. We're sure they can come up with some innovative and imaginative ways to convince donors to support the gallery expansion. Will the community respond favourably? Let the foundation give it a shot.

The actual increased cost to what the previous council had committed to finance the project is minimal.

We agree with the two council members who voted to get on with the project. It is long overdue.

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IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

Home from school

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Taxes raise cottager's ire

To the Editor

Re: Minden Times Editorial, January 30,

I am really angry at your editorial for January 30th, 2004. "No Appreciation?" I am a cottager and I don't mind paying my fair share of taxes. And the ultimate word here is "FAIR".

We all say we are paying taxes and not getting anything for them. If you are a cottager that is the truth. We get very little benefits from the amount of taxes we pay. Is it any wonder that MPAC raises the banner every year and tells us our cottages are worth mega bucks more each year when attitudes like yours seem to prevail in cottage country? And MPAC attitudes stink to say the least. It is a money making scheme for the benefit of the Provincial Government and the local governments. I am tired of my taxes going up 20 or 30 percent a year because of some convoluted idea that says water-

front properties are worth more. More than what? Your locals have paved roads, water and sewers, mail delivery, and lower taxes than my cottage. And who gets the use of all the schools, parks and other features that these taxes pay for? Certainly not the cottagers. We pay through the nose for those items where we live already.

You talk about your roads needing repairs and maintenance. I don't have a problem with that, but most cottagers don't use them in the winter, or like me, in the summer even because I use the highway. And what has getting up at five o'clock in the morning have to do with cottagers complaining about our taxes? City plows work all night here. Maybe Kevin Hill and Doug Ray would be impressed to know that. Their plows don't do anything to my cottage road in any event.

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Columnists and Letters to the Editor

Feats of engineering

Of all the feats of engineering and design accomplished by man, to me there is perhaps nothing more impressive than the modern brassiere. Speaking strictly from a design perspective, these garments utilize simple technology and space age materials not only to uplift but also to provide comfort, and to separate.

And women like them, too.

That's why I was shocked and appalled by the curt announcement given by Janet Jackson's publicist when referring to her unintentional Superbowl flash. In it, he said, "the garment collapsed."

Fortunately, no one was killed or trapped in the wreckage. This, of course, is a miracle, especially when you consider that the Superbowl stadium was packed.

To be fair to the industry, lingerie does not collapse every day. In fact, most times it takes a minor miracle just to undo the clasp at the back. True, Janet's bra was exposed to extraordinary pressures, what with the unnatural gyrations and the

accompanying friction. And, apparently, she placed a metallic nipple shield inside the cup - possibly as countermeasures against the geeks who buy those X-ray vision glasses advertised at the back of comic books, which, by the way, are a rip off. Anyhow, the weight of that metallic shield could have also contributed to the structural failure of the garment. But then again, that's only one man's professional opinion. Federal investigators will confirm or deny my hunch.

The real question is, how do we manage this risk right here in Haliburton County?

Not only have I watched the video countless times now but I've also studied the lingerie section of the Sear's catalogue at length. Even so, I'm still not sure I have all the answers. But never fear, I'll continue studying the problem as a public service

to all those at risk.

My gut feeling is that preventative measures are in order. Some bras, for instance, have undersupport, which could lead to metal fatigue. That's why I'd urge everyone to check your undergarments for hairline cracks immediately.

I've also just completed a test whereby I placed one cantaloupe in each cup of my wife's bra which I have affixed to the cat who happened to be high on catnip at the time.

Clearly, this is a hazardous overloading of the garment and so I felt it was too early to try this on human subjects. And just so you don't think I'm some sort of weirdo, rest assured, the cat is female.

In any case, the experiment proved nothing, except for confirming my theory about it taking a minor miracle to undo the clasp at the back. Shortly after the

experiment began in earnest, the cat hopped up to the fruit bowl and pawed out two lemons, which I believe, was its own rudimentary way of asking for a reduction.

What have I learned? Well, for one thing, I've learned that sometimes the price of a deep and abiding scientific curiosity is three days on the couch and a promise to get professional counselling. Aside from that, our marriage is stronger than ever.

As for the problem of collapsing lingerie, well, obviously more research is needed. Until then, I'd urge women and female impersonators across this great County to be extra careful when dancing in front of hundreds of millions of viewers. And it wouldn't hurt to have your cat declawed either.

Maybe the whole thing was a freak of nature. Let's face it, it's not like the Jackson's aren't known for that sort of thing. But then again, maybe it's all very explainable. Maybe that bra just couldn't handle the undo stress.



BEYOND 35

Steve Galea

Just a coffee, please

Ilove my cup of coffee, but I never, ever, ever buy it at Starbucks. Know why? Because I like a large cup of coffee, also known colloquially as a big cup of coffee, and Starbucks doesn't sell large/big cups of coffee.

They sell something called a 'Venti'.

There is no way in hell I am ever going to step up to a coffee counter and ask for a Venti.

Wouldn't help if I preferred a medium or a small cup. Starbucks doesn't sell those either. At Starbucks medium and small are 'grande' and 'tall' respectively.

Maybe it's a Geezer Thing, but to me, coffee is an abidingly simple drink.

You've got your good beans; you've got your boiling water; you've got your nice, chunky china mug. You don't need your mocha/frappachino/mocchiata/lattetallahatchee confection to muddy the libational waters.

That's my opinion. Starbucks couldn't agree less.

As a matter of fact the geniuses at Starbucks have intensified their coffee lingo antics. They've published a 20-page booklet called Make It Your Drink, which encourages customers to hurl themselves headlong into a linguistic Brave New World

of Starbuckese.

You want a cup of Decaf? The booklet encourages you to ask for 'unleaded'. You want more foam and less milk? That's a 'dry cappuccino'.

Looking for an extra jolt to kick start your day? You want a 'shot in the dark' (extra espresso). You gonna drink it here or take it with you?

You'll need a 'for-here cup' or else a coffee 'with legs'.

And if you're a hidebound traditionalist just looking for a cuppa Joe, don't expect much empathy from your smiling Starbucks coffee jockey because Starbucks doesn't have mere 'employees' any more. They call them 'customologists'.

Gah.

Starbucks claims they need a 'more comprehensive' methodology for marketing their goodies and maybe they're right. After all, they claim there are (I'm not making this up) nineteen thousand possible combinations of coffee-based drinks and flavours on the Starbucks menu. The com-

pany says they hope this new gambit will 'make the coffee-ordering experience more fun'.

Somebody needs to tell Starbucks that ordering coffee isn't supposed to be a soul-enhancing experience. Drinking coffee is fun. Ordering coffee is like driving through traffic to get to the dance.

That's what I think - but what do I know? Last year, Starbucks coffee sales worldwide reached \$4.1 billion, whereas I made just enough money to pay off my student loan.

Which I've been carrying since 1965.

In any case, the Starbucks pamphlet isn't breaking new ground. People have been riffing jazz solos off the stuff we put in our mouth for eons.

Even the humble cup of coffee has its synonyms - Java, Joe, Quickstart.

As for what we consume with our coffee, we fool with that too. I used to eat in a restaurant where Eddie the waiter got his kicks by spontaneously re-naming dishes

on the menu. If someone came in and ordered a cheeseburger with lettuce, tomato and onion plus a salad, Eddie the waiter would yell out "ONE CHEESE PUCK, ALL DRESSED, SIDE OF SLAW". If a customer wanted two poached eggs on toast, Eddie would lean into the kitchen and holler "ADAM AND EVE ON A RAFT - AND BURN IT!"

Now, Darlene, the cook, was a literal kinda gal. She sometimes had trouble understanding the orders. I remember the day she came out waving a bill saying "What's this order, Eddie - 'three flat tires, double headlights and a pair of dry running boards' - what am I, a garage mechanic?"

Eddie patiently explained what the order meant - three flat tires: three pancakes, double headlights: two eggs, sunny side up, and a pair of dry running boards stood for two strips of bacon, extra crisp.

Darlene harrumphed and went back into the kitchen. A couple of minutes later, a steaming bowl of pork and beans appeared in the server's window.

"Who's this for?" asked Eddie.

"It's for the guy with the car" yelled Darlene, "I figured while he's waiting for his order he might wanna gas up."



ARTHUR BLACK

Columnist

Cottager objects to paying higher taxes for waterfront

from page 8

And the dumps? There are three dumps in the area where I cottage. I have to check the calendar to see on which days they are open and what times they are open. Then I have to haul my garbage there or take it home with me if I leave the cottage a bit late or a bit early. And then I have to pay for certain items to be dumped now. Then I have to wash the dust or oil off my car after I have been to two of them.

As for the volunteer fire department, they should be commended for doing that job. And if they do get to my cottage on time when a fire hits, it might be

saved. And don't even go there about insurance. We cottagers pay through the nose for that too. So don't tell me about the cost to insure my cottage with or without a fire department.

The OPP police cottage country as best they can with the minimum number of officers. And do they catch all of the bad guys who break into cottages? No! They don't have the time, nor the manpower to do that. Ask them. And RIDE is just another function of a police service. And I already pay taxes to the Provincial Government for their services.

Yes, I bought a cottage to get away from the rat race but I don't consider it to be a "privilege" to pay an unrealistic tax bill just because I happen to have a "dwelling" on the waterfront and not in

the main part of town like the locals.

Cottages should be assessed the same as the local population.

Then maybe cot-

tagers would not complain as much. Right now, cottagers are being gouged and editorials like yours only tend to inflame everyone.

I am speaking for myself when I say that I am not getting my money's worth

for the taxes I pay on my cottage, but I am not going to let the likes of you tell me to go somewhere else. It is narrow minded thinking like yours that makes cottagers look bad. We pay more than our fair share of taxes at home and then again at the cottage. And we aren't even allowed to place our children in schools where we cottage even though the school taxes use up most of the taxes that are collected. Go bark up another tree.

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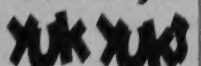
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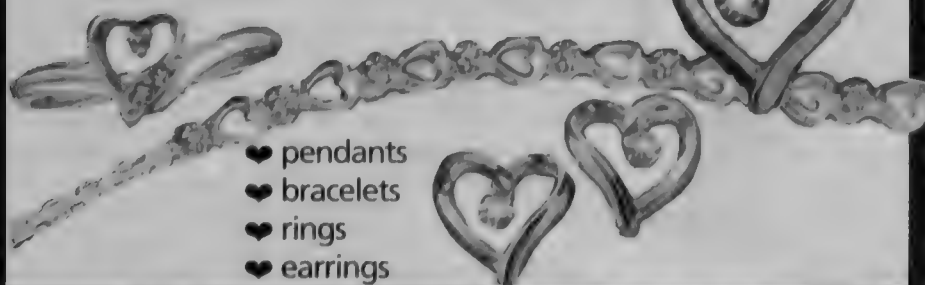
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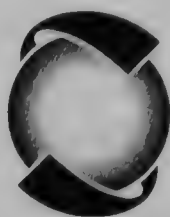
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Groups may not get funding they request

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

Four groups came to county council on Wednesday seeking support for initiatives that are intended to improve the long-term health of the county's economy.

As he welcomed them to council, Warden Bill Davis warned them that they might be disappointed with the council's ability to support them in their endeavours.

"We run this county as a business," he said. "We weigh the presentations as to the best interests of the county. It's a hard process but we do listen and we recognize your presentations have some merit."

All groups which approached council have been asked to put their requests in writing. These requests will be considered as council drafts its next budget.

Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Assoc.

While \$100,000 from the Ministry of Natural Resources to start a trust fund goes a long way to providing sustainable funding for the association's fish hatchery, more assistance is needed to help the association promote and develop the

county's fisheries.

As well as stocking tens of thousands of fish in local lakes, the hatchery is pivotal in the scientific research into Haliburton Gold, the glacial-relic lake trout that can be found nowhere else.

With the help of hard-working volunteers who gather fish eggs and raise them until the fingerlings can be released into lakes, the hatchery ensures a stable fishery in the county.

It is seeking financial assistance in one of four designated areas: the hatchery, administration, education and science research. Two years ago the county gave the hatchery \$20,000.

Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours

It would like \$30,000 in administrative funds to oversee the spending of the OSTAR funding received last year and \$25,000 to provide matching funds.

"We're confident it's a strategic investment in the county," said president Barrie Martin.

He and executive director Lindsay Elder outlined how the money will be spent over the next year, including a breakdown of projects in each municipality.

Plans include co-ordinating the OSTAR funding, planning the second annual Hike Haliburton, promoting Adopt-A-Metre, which has the potential to raise \$3-million, continuing with corridor signage, sitting on the economic diversification and rail trail steering committees, planning the 2005 Ontario Trails Coalition conference, planning the rail trail rally in September, and developing and upgrading 60 km of trail through Hike Haliburton funding. (Martin noted there are many requests for backpacking trails; there are none in the county.)

Last year the county gave Trails and Tours \$30,000.

Stanhope Airport

Airport manager John Packer and Ann Lavery of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce plan to represent the Highlands at the prestigious air show in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

The cost of getting there and maintaining a booth at the Air Venture Conference is \$7,500 and assistance from various community partners is being sought. Packer wanted a \$2,500 commitment from the county.

"The mayor of Toronto said that four million Americans aren't coming to Toronto because of SARS and I thought this was a great opportunity to go and get 'em," Packer said. Roughly 770,000 people attend the show, which also attracts 11,000 aircraft.

He's already been approached by Haliburton Highlands Health Services to advertise the need for doctors at the show, and his board has agreed to the request. He'll also be bringing a video which highlights the county's only airport and reasons to visit the Highlands.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said he was in favour of giving funding to Algonquin Highlands, which owns the airport, but he had difficulty in proving money to pay for the trip to Oshkosh. "I don't want to get into supporting people going to shows," he said, fearing that it would establish a precedent.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Tom Gardner welcomed any financial contributions, noting that his municipality paid to have footage of all municipalities incorporated into the promotional video, including \$1,500 this past summer for events in Highlands East.

"We're supporting the airport solely out of the pockets of Algonquin Highlands taxpayers and we feel it benefits the entire county," said Reeve Eleanor Harrison.

County council agreed to consider funding for the Stanhope Airport as part of its budget deliberations.

Tourism Haliburton

It's hard to get people to visit Haliburton if they don't know it exists. Haliburton Tourism wants to change that.

"I represent a group that's frustrated about not hearing about Haliburton [in the media]," said Scott de Savoye in his presentation. The members want to find low-cost ways of increasing Haliburton's profile through making travel writers more aware of what the county has to offer. "We don't think we'll ever be 'the' destination in Ontario; we want to be a preferred destination."

De Savoye is the manager of Delta Pinestone Resort, which has yet to reach 50 per cent occupancy in any given year. Other members of the fledgling organization represent various accommodations throughout the Highlands.

"Hotels [in this county] are bleeding and it's only a matter of time before we see fewer and fewer of them," he said. Haliburton Tourism was "born of need."

It has already established a comprehensive and attractive website which allows virtual visitors to find out what's available and make reservations on-line.

The organization did not make a formal request for financial assistance.

OPP Briefs: tires, rims stolen

The rear tires and rims were stolen from a 2003 Dodge Ram pickup truck at Keaney Motors.

The theft was discovered the morning of January 27 when an employee arrived at work. Then truck as parked on the lot facing Main Street. A similar incident occurred at Keaney Motors last September.

Anyone with information about this incident can call the Highlands OPP at 286-1431 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Driving without a licence

After receiving complaints of an unlicensed driver operating a motor vehicle, the Haliburton Highlands OPP have charged a 70-year-old Minden man with driving while disqualified and operating a motor vehicle without insurance.

Police laid the charges on February 4 after observing the man driving a 1985 Ford pick-up truck. The truck was impounded.

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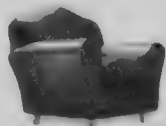
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Crash victim pleads: slow down

'If one person avoids a speeding accident [on a snowmobile], then it's worth it to put it in print,' says Carol Baldwin

by MATTHEW WALLS
Times staff

Ideal snowmobiling weather does not prevent accidents. That is a lesson Carol Baldwin learned three years ago when she was struck by a speeding snowmobiler.

On February 9th, 2001, a "bright, sunny day," Baldwin and her husband Paul had pulled their snowmobiles off the Pine Springs Trail past Ox Narrows to let the group they could hear behind them pass. The two stood, 60 to 70 feet past the corner, and watched the group's first snowmobile turn the corner.

Upon seeing the couple, the speeding driver panicked and, to Baldwin's horror, swerved off the trail in their direction.

Frozen by fear, she stood yelling at the driver to stop. Her husband tried to lift her – all 200 pounds in her snowmobiling gear – above her machine and away from the trail, but the speeding snowmobile clipped her lower leg before her husband pulled her away.

The others following the first driver, Baldwin believes, swerved off into the wood, but her recall of the details is hazy. The accident, her husband said, was a shock to her system, and Baldwin admits to becoming hysterical.

Immediately after the accident, the driver came over and profusely apologized. A couple in the group helped carry Baldwin to the highway, where an ambulance met her and transported her to the Minden Hospital.

Having found nothing broken, doctors sent Baldwin to the Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay for more tests. A CAT scan, however, found nothing wrong, and Baldwin returned home early the next day with some painkillers for what was diagnosed as a bruised lower leg.

Now, three years later, Baldwin has returned to snowmobiling, though not without fear of another accident. She hopes speaking out against speeding will prevent future accidents and spare others from the trauma she still feels from her accident.

"I have never been the same since the accident," Baldwin says.

"If one person avoids a speeding accident, then it's worth it to put it in print."

For her own safety, Baldwin and her husband now avoid trails known to be 'fast,' and straight open areas where snowmobilers tend to speed.

"I still want to snowmobile but I'm still nervous. I'm still very cautious. I don't go on trails that are well-travelled."

Andy Chvedukas, president of the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association, says speeding is a problem for every snowmobile association, but one exacerbated by a



Local resident Carol Baldwin tells the *Times* of her snowmobiling accident ordeal.

small percentage of snowmobilers.

On any given weekend during the height of the season, Chvedukas says, about 3,000 to 4,000 snowmobilers are on trails in Haliburton County. These snowmobilers are monitored by the OPP and volunteers from the association.

The association has 15 wardens who are trained and licensed to monitor speeds and reckless snowmobiling. It also has "about four to five" STOP (Snowmobile Trail Officers Patrol) officers, who can issue tickets or make arrests. They also assist the OPP with enforcing the zero-tolerance sobriety rule.

Chvedukas said the OPP, the association's wardens and STOP officers watch specific stops that are well known as speeding zones. The association has also encouraged all association members to report any risky driving they see.

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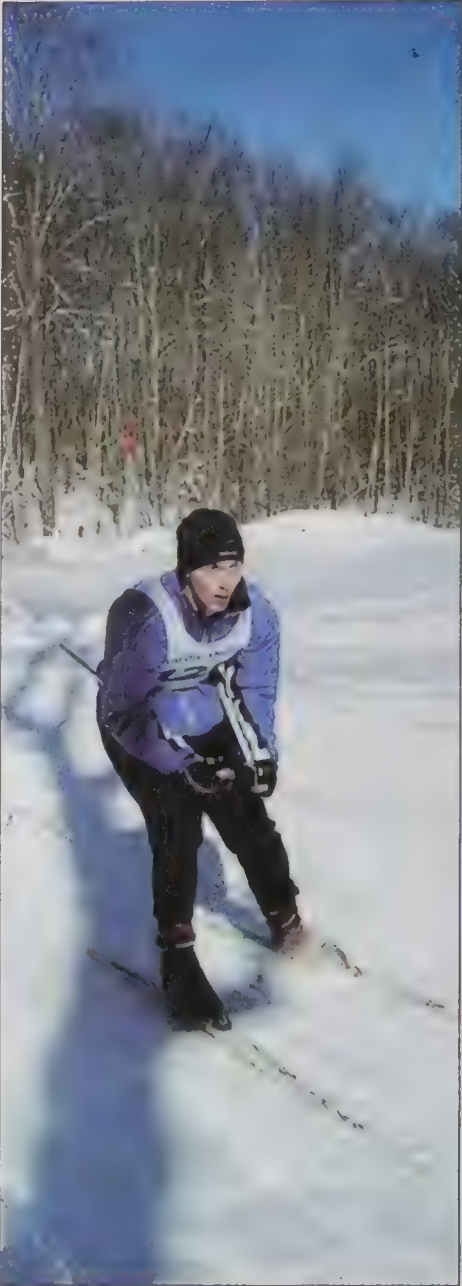
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DAN CORNELL

HHSS nabs 12 top ten spots at Kawartha Nordic races



HHSS Senior boy Josh Wales flies down one of the last few turns on his way to a fifth place finish on the 6.5 km course.



Haliburton hosted the Kawartha Nordic High School competition at Glebe Park on Wednesday, Feb. 4. The event was convened by Lakefield College School. Twelve HHSS athletes earned top-10 placings and look poised to continue their strong performances at this week's COSSA competition also at Glebe Park on Feb. 11. There were 90 competitors from schools such as Lakefield College School, Crestwood Secondary School, Thomas A. Stewart Secondary and PCVS who competed in Novice, Junior, and Senior categories. Above, Sean Keaney sweeps around a corner, heading to an eighth place finish just behind teammate Josh Wales. Photos on this page by Darren Lum.

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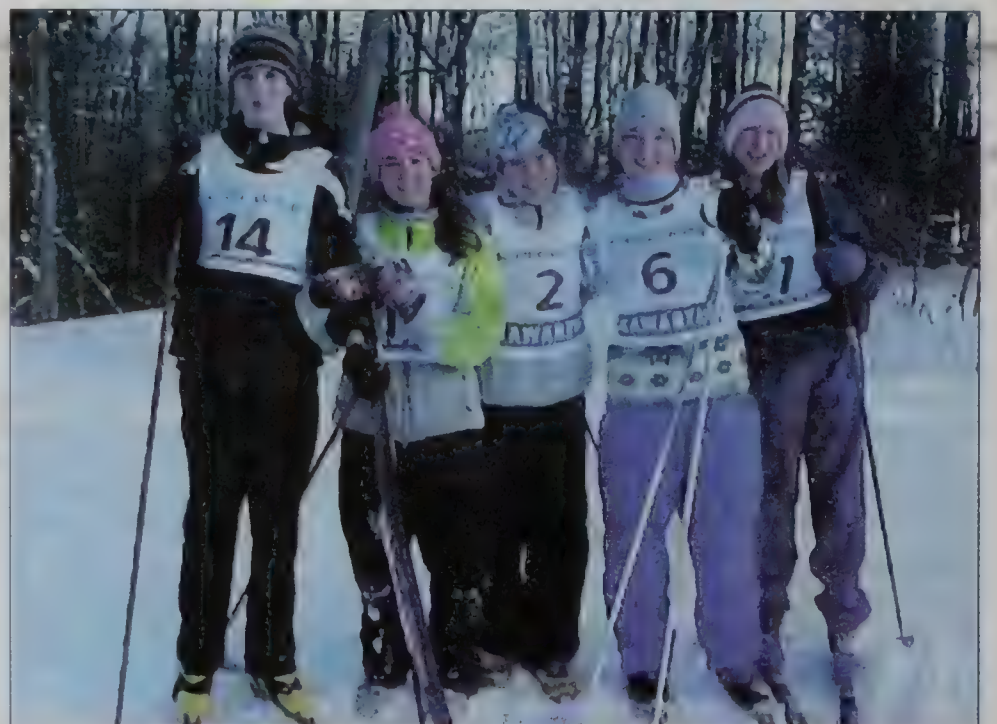
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Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Novice girls held their own. With everyone in the top 15, the team performed well despite having only a handful of practices in their first competition. (l-r) Cecily Taylor, Jenn Goodwin, Sarah Mornettas, Amber Wright, and Lisa Wright.

Kawartha Nordic High School Competition results

Novice Girls (first year competitors)

3rd Sarah Mornettas, 12:27
6th Amber Wright, 13:08
9th Cecily Taylor, 15:08
10th Lisa Wright, 16:31
12th Jenn Goodwin

7th Josh Mayhew, 25:26
David Wright

Junior Boys -1st place team

1st Ryan Bottom, 19:01
2nd Max Creelman, 19:35

Junior Girls

3rd Laura Stouffer, 15:33
7th Karen Cox-Gurden, 20:14

Senior Girls

Andrea Lindenberg

Senior Boys

5th Josh Wales, 23:42
8th Sean Keaney, 24:47
9th Conrad Flatman, 24:58
Kyle Thompson
Mike Flowers

HHSS exchange student Sarah Mornettas (right) skated here way to a bronze medal in the Novice Girls category. Mornettas finished the 2 km course in 12:27, 3 minutes 7 seconds behind the winner. It was her first competition.





Cool cars

The cars were blue, the lips were blue (it was COLD outside!) but the action was sizzling at the Minden ice races on Saturday, Jan. 31. The races happen every weekend, all weekend long, at the fairgrounds. Weather permitting, of course.

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It was Mayhem for sure but Minden ladies almost won tourney

On January 9 and 10 Minden Mayhem entered its second official tournament of the season. Minden Mayhem plays in the senior recreation division and is sanctioned through the Ontario Women's Hockey Association.

The first game in Orillia was Friday night at 10 p.m. vs. Barrie. They had a 3-0 lead going into the second period with two goals scored by Tracey Gilbert and one by Christina Black. Barrie came back with one goal in the second and in the third Cheryl Smith snuck one in for a score of 4-1. Barrie then scored two more making the final score 4-3. Thanks to Gilbert's two goals and great playing she was awarded the MVP for the game.

Saturday morning they played Newtonbrooke. Sheana Allore tied up the game 1-1 going into the third period and with only one minute left to play, Newtonbrooke snuck one by Rhonda Cooper. Cooper played a fabulous game and deservedly was awarded the MVP for the game.

The final game was against CMCC. The game was very tight and after some great playing by both teams CMCC scored the only goal of the game in the third period. Julie Buchanan was awarded the MVP for the game.

As everyone knows, goals can't be

scored without a team effort. Eleven players made up the team this tournament: Andrea Draker, Cheryl Smith, Christina Black, Denise LeBlanc, Leah Anderson, Julie Buchanan, Shannon Prentice, Sheana Allore, Sheila Woodcroft, Tracey Gilbert and Rhonda Cooper as goalie. The team would like to give special thanks to coach Eric Nicholls, helpers Jeff Black and Rick Stewart, to its fabulous goalie Rhonda and to all the fans who consistently travel to support them at their tournaments. Also thanks to Dollo's IGA for its donation towards team water bottles and Pat Woodcroft for her donation of a case of water.

The team has two more tournaments at home this season including its very first Minden Mayhem Women's Recreational Tournament. It will be held on Saturday, March 6 at the S.G. Memorial Centre in Minden. It is a non-sanctioned women's tournament open to all recreational women's teams who are out to have a good time and have some fun. If you are interested in entering a team, please contact Cheryl Smith for further information at 286-4990.

Once again Minden Mayhem would like to thank all who support Women's Hockey and hope to see you on March 6.



He scores! Again! And again!

Evan Kernohan scored the first two goals of the game and ended up with the eventual game winner in the first period off a shot that handcuffed the PCVS goalie. The Red Hawks carried play for most of the game and won, 8-1. HHSS remain on top of the AA Kawartha Boys High School Division. Photo by Daren Lum.

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Oopsy daisy!

Young Minden resident Laura Taylor was all smiles on Saturday as she takes a little tumble at the bottom of the hill behind Archie Stouffer Elementary School. Cottagers from Burlington were also up tobogganing and were enjoying the warmer temperatures. Photo by Darren Lum.

*When you're
out skiing,
remember,
it's all in the
glide*

January's cold weather has given way to the lovely lassie that is early February. Usually we reach our peak of snow pack toward the middle of the month, and often the ski surface is a nice forgiving powder that is easy to wax for. It also provides a pleasant cushion should you wipe out on a downhill.

One might just as well enjoy the chilly temperatures while they last—they also have a certain charm. This is a great time of year to head for one of the shelters at Moosewoods. There are three, including the chalet building at the trail head. Why not make an outing of it with friends? The furthest shelter also yields a pleasant view of one of the ponds, and it is a particular treasure.

NORDICNOTES

Blake Paton

Cold snow can be frustrating because skis are slow in cold, fresh snow, and this is especially true for skate skiers. When you're out skiing, remember: it's all in the glide.

When it's cold, many skiers who ski both styles will choose to ski the classic (or diagonal) stride. The smooth track gives better glide than the powdery skating track. Even if you have your skating skis on you can use the track to double pole on flat stretches and gentle down-hill runs. Also, cold days usually mean that the track is firm, so grip waxing is relatively easy and hill climbing is often easier in the track.

The Haliburton-Muskoka Senior Winter Games Cross Country Skiing Competition

will occur on Tuesday February 17. Meet at the Clubhouse at Glebe Park from 9 to 10:30 a.m. to register. The fee is \$6. Participants may practise ski the 5 km loop. This practice ski is optional and competitors must be ready at the start line to compete in the timed competition beginning at 11 a.m. sharp.

This is a time-prediction competition. Ribbons and pins will be awarded to the winning competitors at a luncheon event in June. The senior (that means 55 years or older) woman and man who win this competition will qualify to compete against the rest of the province at the Ontario Senior Winter Games in Barrie Ontario in February 2005. For further information call Pauline Plooard (286-1590) or Don Finigan (457-2487).

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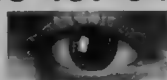
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Sweeping fun

Melissa Armstrong, 2nd, and vice, Tori Brown share a laugh while sweeping for a rock thrown by lead, Mitch Rea. Chantal Cyr, skip, presented the target for ream in the box while playing a team from Haliburton in the 4th annual Youth/Bantam Curling Invitational Bonspiel. The event was hosted by the Haliburton Curling Club and included 14 teams who came from as far away as Peterborough. Minden team results: Bantam (under 16) team led by Jesse Walker, 4th. Youth team (under 14) led by Coral Pratt 5th. Youth team led by Chantal Cyr, 6th.

Tuesday Afternoon League (January 27)

High average: Ken Thompson 216; Lillian Mattsson 179; Jean Pugh 179
High single: Ross Henderson 219; Hilda Rhyhold 209; Betty Henderson 209

High single (handicap): Ross Henderson 275; Hilda Rhyhold 295
High triple: Chris Hill 583; Jean Pugh 569

High triple (handicap): Ross Henderson 728; Hilda Rhyhold 729

Wednesday Afternoon League (January 28)

High average: Ken Thompson 208; Jean Pugh 171

High single: Bev Hunt 228; Jean Pugh 284

High single (handicap): Ed McGrath 270; Jean Pugh 329

High triple: Avar Edwards 559; Jean Pugh 667

High triple (handicap): Ed McGrath 679; Jean Pugh 802

Thursday Afternoon League (January 29)

High average: Alf Briscoe 216; Betty Henderson 168

High single: Ken Thompson 231; Pearl Foster 200

High single (handicap): Vern Chilton 274; Helen Skelding 269

High triple: Alf Briscoe 649; Betty Henderson 506

High triple (handicap): Gord MacLean 679; Dee Maclean 701

Sunday (February 1)

1st Bill Hogg 304

2nd Shirley Milne 214

3rd Larry Mattson 78

4th Robert McIvor 77

5th Betty Ablett 72

Shirley and Betty are sisters.

Tuesday Afternoon League (February 3)

High average: Ken Thompson 217; Jean Pugh 179

High single: Chris Hill 287; Jean Pugh 226

High single (handicap): Chris Hill 313; Jean Pugh 263

High triple: Ken Thompson 698; Jean Pugh 571

High triple (handicap): Ken Thompson 719; Hazel Benetin 700

Wednesday Afternoon League

(February 4)

High average: Ken Thompson 208; Jean Pugh 172

High single: John Whitty 348; Solveg Stout 245

High single (handicap): John Whitty 374; Solveg Stout 298

High triple: John Whitty 841; Jean Pugh 576

High triple (handicap): John Whitty 925; Solveg Stout 718

MINDEN BOWLING

Legion 636 Mixed League

(February 2)

High average: Bob Vankoughnet 187; Leitha Stearn 147

High single: John Ritchie 225; Estella Burch 172

High triple: John Ritchie 558; Arla Pollard 454

High single (handicap): John Ritchie 269; Estella Burch 244

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John Mackey has Time on his hands

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

John Mackey has always had a fascination with clocks. It started with grandfather clocks and graduated to many other types, including cuckoo clocks. He brought several clocks with him when he moved to Canada from England 37 years ago.

Mackey credits Ron Gambell of Gambell's Antiques in Minden with getting him involved in clock repairs. He was in the antique store one day and a clock caught his attention. Gambell told him it didn't work and he couldn't find anybody to fix it. So Mackey said he would see if he could repair it.

"I brought it home, fixed it, and took it back," Mackey said. "Then somebody bought a clock from him and it wasn't quite perfect so Ron sent him to me with it. Then, one or two people went in and asked him if he knew anybody who fixed clocks and he sent them to me."

Word got around that John Mackey could repair old clocks and he has had a steady stream of clock owners seeking his talents ever since.

John Mackey's clock-repairing ability is a combination of book learning and natural talent working with his hands. His clock collection is rivalled by the number of books on clocks he has accumulated over the years. They have proven to be valuable references when he needs to identify the origin a particular clock to order parts or to make repairs to the cases.

He has become an expert at determining the age of a clock by the type of parts used in their construction.

"This business of pinning the plates was completely out of date by 1880," he said, pointing to the internal works of a clock he had repaired. "They started putting threads with nuts on in 1860."

Mackey retired from teaching chemical engineering at Ryerson 14 years ago. He has a degree in geology and worked at the British Museum before coming to Canada. He worked on radio carbon dating at the museum in London.

Parts for many old clocks are still available and he has equipment – a small metal lathe with an accessory milling machine attachment – with which he makes his own parts on occasion. The lathe is used mostly to make brass bushings. "It's just the right size to make small clock parts," he said.

Most of the older clocks he has, or has worked on, were made in Germany and England. One of the grandfather clocks he has is stamped Owen, Birmingham. It is circa 1800 from Birmingham, England.

When he became interested in repairing clocks, he bought an old book – printed in 1940 – on clock repairing. Since then, he has added several more books and many hours' experience working on a variety of clocks.

"Many people believe the cuckoo clock is a recent invention," he says, but the earliest recorded cuckoo clock was made in 1740 by Anton Ketterer, a clock maker from Germany's Black Forest.



John Mackey is cuckoo for cuckoo clocks – and old clocks of all kinds, for that matter.

In addition to fixing the mechanical parts of clocks, Mackey has a talent for reproducing the ornately carved wooden cases for cuckoo clocks. He has carved intricate figures which have been broken off, matching the rest of the case. He does the carving by hand, using a set of Lee Valley carving chisels.

The early cuckoo clock cases were carved from walnut. That is another way of determining the age of a clock. The newer cuckoo clocks are carved from basswood, which is much easier to work with.

Parts for most of the clocks Mackey repairs are purchased from HW Perrin Company in Toronto, which handles only clock parts.

"I try to keep them as original as possible," he says.

He admits that it is often very hard to determine why a clock no longer works. "Sometimes it's hard to tell exactly

what's gone wrong," he said. He has dismantled some clocks and the material inside has resembled the contents of a vacuum cleaner. Many decades, and often a century or more, of accumulation of dust can jam the moving parts. Most people are reluctant to disassemble an old clock to clean it, fearing they might break something.

Clock repairs keeps Mackey busy throughout the winter months. "It is my main winter hobby," he said.

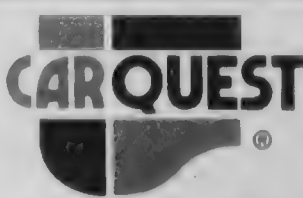
He has made many contacts over the years because of his clock repairing talents.

"Anyone who is interested in cuckoo clocks should go to Sophia Tink's flower studio, he says. "She has about 30 of them and almost all of them are for sale."

Friends and family of John Mackey have no trouble deciding what to get him for his birthday or for Christmas. Books on clocks are always appreciated.

John's wife Beryl has a talent that has been used at least once in conjunction with his clock repairs. She is an artist and she painted a scene on a grandfather clock which stands in a corner in their dining room.

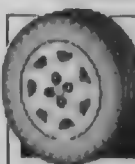
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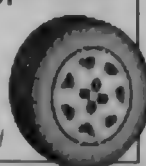
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There is still time to register for the Dorset Snowball Adult Broomball Tournament taking place on Friday,



DORSET NEWS

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February 20 beginning at 8pm by calling Hugh Reynolds at 766-1332. The cost to register is \$10 per team in advance or \$20 per team on the night. Registration fees will go the winner and runner up as follows: 50% to the

winning team, 25% to second place and 25% to Snowball. Registrations can be mailed to or dropped off at the Rec Centre. The mailing address is Box 99, Dorset, Ontario, POA 1E0 and cheques can be made payable to The Dorset Recreation Centre. We are looking for someone to be referee at the Adult Broomball game. If you are interested, please call Melissa at 766-9968.

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There will be a Seniors Friendship Luncheon at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Thursday, February 5 beginning at 12 noon. The menu this week is a roasted chicken leg, potato, vegetable, roll and a chocolate dessert cup. The theme is "Valentine's" so wear red! Guest speaker Jill Paterson will be coming from Hospice Huntsville. For more information or to reserve, please call Helen at 766-1517 or Donna at 789-0876.

Get ready for the annual Tall Pines Snowmobile Club and Lions Camp Dorset Poker Rally and St. Valentine's Dance. The Rally will take place on Saturday, February 14 beginning at 10am. For more information, call Barb at 705-766-2108 or Donna at 705-766-9253 or check out their website at www.tallpines.org

Birthday wishes for February 1 to 7 go out to Yvon Chatelain, Kassie Wright, Mitchell Webb, Marg Moeller, Mark Kearhey, Anja Hendrikson, Libby Timbers and Happy Anniversary to Marian and Bruce Frieday and Darlene and Yvon Chatelain. Have a great day!

To submit something for the Dorset news send E-mail to melalfano@hotmail.com, or call at 766-0076 by Sunday evening for the next week's paper.

Special Valentine dinner an event that's greatly anticipated and enjoyed

This is our first news update of the year and we would like to start by wishing all a happy belated New Year from all of us at Hyland Crest to you.

We brought in the New Year with a traditional party at which Jack and Ruth Worthington were kind enough to entertain. We also decided that our New Year's resolution is to stay healthy, happy and wise.

This month we can actually say, "Elvis has left the building." Yes, he was here and when he's not on stage he impersonates Joe Fischer. He gave a wonderful performance and was enjoyed by all. Thank you to the VON Day Care for inviting us to join in the fun.

Guess who had cabbage rolls, homemade bread, apple pie with whipped cream? Our Men's Club of course and reports say there wasn't a morsel left. Thank you to Elaine Smith who gave a helping hand to help make the occasion another success. The gentlemen need some private social time as the women outnumber them several times over. They were looking forward to next month's gathering as soon as January's meeting was over.

We have been spending our winter hours watching movies, playing bingo, darts and euchre. We have been reminiscing, listening to stories, singing karaoke or along with our many entertainers who volunteer their musical talents. We say thank you from the bottom of our hearts to all the wonderful people who came out on those cold January days and nights to ensure our happiness.

We have some new residents to introduce and welcome.

They are Doug Adamson, Lillian Parker and Margaret McClure. We hope you come out and join us at our many social activities. We also say a fond farewell to Nelson LeClair who has moved to Haliburton. We will miss you.

We send our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Hazel Gregory and Marjory Rennick. These two lovely ladies passed away recently.

February brings with it the much anticipated annual Valentine Dinner. We are all looking forward to gathering together for a special evening meal with a loved one. Dressed in our best we will be dining amid festively decorated

rooms. It is like an evening out of fine dining and we don't leave the building. Now can you believe that? Our entire staff work extra hard making everything just so for this occasion. We will have plenty to report next month!

With all this constant cold weather we are looking forward to spring already. We suppose those of you who aren't able to enjoy this winter wonderland feel the same. To you hearty souls who do enjoy the cold and snow we salute you. We are not as hearty as we used to be when a cold Model T or horse and sleigh were the mode of transportation. Some of us remember bundling up in blankets to get to town for groceries and sleeping under mounds of blankets hoping it wasn't our turn to get up and restock the wood in the wood stove.

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Until next month try to stick to your resolutions and may the ones that we have chosen follow you in 2004.

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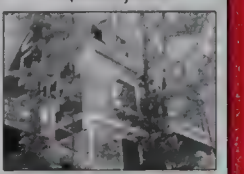
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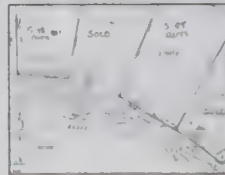


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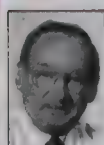
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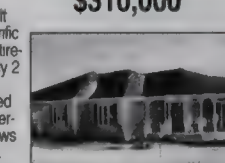


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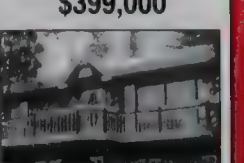
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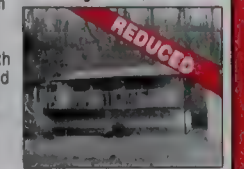
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Speaking of names, it was providence and the Minden Animal Clinic that brought our yellow lab, King, into our lives. It was the Minden Animal Clinic and, more likely a full moon, that gave us our black cat Clarence. The only one of a litter of wild barn kittens to be spared, he was named by the veterinarian after the Angel in Jimmy Stewart's Christmas classic film *A Wonderful Life*. For much of the year Clarence is an outdoor cat, coming in only briefly to snack. Once the snow arrives, however, he moves indoors, taking up residence on the garden room windowsill. There he lies in full view of the bird feeders, tail twitching as the red squirrels swing from the "squirrel-proof" model. Ignore the label; it isn't.

The field mice that also head indoors with the chill prove no match for Clarence the master mouser. He is devoted to me but King is his true hero. The cat lets it be known loudly when his dog wants out and scolds if the door isn't opened quickly enough for his liking. Obviously a born politician, he has decided it's better to keep King as a friend than a rival for food and affection.

Clearly Clarence is no angel. While we wouldn't change him for the world, consideration is being given to a possible new name more in keeping with his nature. Topping the list is "Arnold" for Hollywood's Terminator and California's newest politician. It better be Arnold for, with all due respect to the Governor, Schwarzenegger is just too darn hard to

spell.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. for the next regular meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group on Wednesday, February 11 at the Minden Legion, Highway 35. The speaker at 7 p.m. will be Guy Scott, Kinmount historian and teacher, presenting "Country Fairs Across Canada" [with particular reference to our local area] the subject of his new book soon to be published. There will be the regular "Bring & Win" raffle, and Valentine refreshments will be available. There is no admission charge and everyone is welcome. For further details contact Gail Leach-Wunker at [705] 286-2225.

Liz and Nick Case [Nightingale Organics, Galway Road] will present an organic gardening programme on Thursday, February 19th at 7 p.m. entitled "Growing Vegetables Successfully in the City of Kawartha Lakes." This will include a presentation on seed propagation. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Kinmount Library and will be held in the former Township Office above the Library.

The Haliburton County Fair Board will hold its Annual Dinner on Saturday, February 21st at the Minden United Church. The full roast beef dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. with a Social Time, complete with a Chinese Auction, from 5-6:30 p.m. The cost is \$15.00/person and tickets are required. Come out and enjoy a great evening while supporting the County Fair. For tickets please contact President Karen Rainey at 489-2705 or Secretary Mary Minto 286-2270.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

Wednesday, January 28 bid euchre at Stanhope: The moonshots went to Muriel Harrington, Garth Windsor and our reporter Gala Stamp while Trudy Kroes led the pinks at 282 followed by Muriel Harrington 277 and Pearl Cowen 263. For the white cards it was Len Kroes taking top spot at 292 then Norm Lee 277 and Dick Coffey a close 272.

Wednesday, January 28 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing the Howell system in first were Stella McMillan and

Ross Davies 54% then Jim Aikman and Vic Mathews 53% and Muriel McIntosh partnered with Ross Fletcher 52%.

Wednesday, January 28 Kinmount Seniors euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: For the ladies Mary Wilkins had the high score and Emily Harvie the low. Roger Fournier was a double winner taking both the men's high and the draw

prize while Adam Freeman had the men's low and Ted Wilkins held the most lone hands.

Thursday, January 29 euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Most lone hands honours for ladies/men went to Pat Roussel and Kevin Maloney. High score holders were Iris Taylor for the ladies and Don Burch for the gents while Elva Paisley and Laura Carnegie tallied up the lows. Other prizes went to Helen Luffman, Pearl Cowen, Marcel Roussel, Don Burch and Norm Lee.

Friday, January 30 bid euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: In the moonshot column Jean Randell, Rob Evans and Jean Dutka had singles while Marj Coffey took two. Marj Coffey also topped the charts for the pinks at 328 with Pearl Cowen 274 second and Olive Jones 253 third. Leroy Mowat was first for the white cards with 299 followed by Rob Evans 297 and Barb Robitaille 260 while Jean Dutka uncovered the hidden score.

Friday, January 30 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: First place

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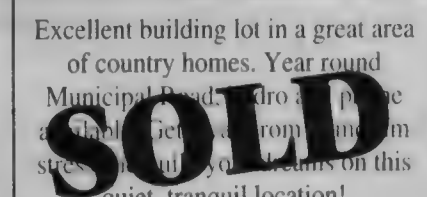
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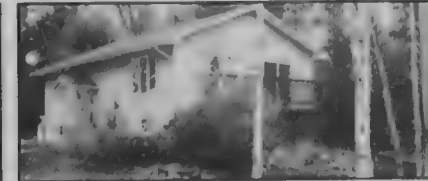
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No groundhog seen, but skunk pays a visit

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went to the duo of Harold Cox and Jim Aikman at 62% with Mayme Douglas and Mike Collins second at 56% then Joan Galley partnered with Vic Mathews third at 51%.

Friday, January 30 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Elaine Yeo was the winner for high hands, Verna McDonald held the most lone hands and Jean Ingram took the prize for low hands. The special draws went to our reporter June Branning and Ruth Kellett.

Saturday, January 31 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: This

week's cards were played at the Court with Pat Scadden the winner at 300, Bev Johnson next at 261 and Katie Parker 233 third. Hidden score holders were Edith Burch, June Branning and Norm Lee with Marcel Roussel taking the only two moonshots. Saturday, February 14th will see a double celebration for both Valentine's Day and February birthdays.

Monday, February 2 cribbage at the Minden Legion Branch 636: In first place was Joe Rivers with second and third spots a family affair going to Jean and Pat Scadden. Other prize winners were Heather Cunningham along with Edith and

Don Burch.

Monday, February 2 euchre at the Friendship Club, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden: For most lone hands it was Pearl Cowen and Bill Mosley while Don Hicks uncovered the hidden score. Ellen Holden recorded the ladies high, Fern Donnelly took the honours for the gents and Barb Braithwaite and Marion Stickwood tallied up the afternoon's lows. The draw winners were Don Hicks and Bill Mosley. Katie Parker points out that while there were no groundhogs in attendance the skunk did pay a visit to both Laura Carnegie and Jeanne Keliele.

Monday, February 2 euchre at Staanworth Terrace: Elaine Yeo reports that Gala Stamp won for high hands, Norm Lee for most lone hands and Martha Harding for low hands. The special prize went to Loyas Henderson.

Monday, February 2 euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: Thanks to Jean Dutka for her update. For most lone hands it was Betty D'Ambrosio with Mary Pearson and Alf Whyman recording the high scores. Low scores went to Olive Jones and Ray Sisson who also took home the baloney. Thanks to Jean Dutka for her update.

Monday, February 2 Kinmount Seniors euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: Thelma Francis was the high

score holder with Bill St. Thomas second high. Single moonshots went to Roger Fournier and Dorothy McElwain while Marg Viney took two. The draw winner was Rose Isaacson.

Tuesday, February 3 bid euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Leading the scores was Elli Langpohl with 288 followed by Pat Roussel 244 and Ida Young 242. Moonshots were recorded by Thelma Francis, Isobel Cherwenka and Marcel Roussel while the hidden scores were uncovered by Elva Paisley, Isobel Cherwenka and Helen Luffman.

Tuesday, February 3 euchre at Gelert: For the ladies Gala Stamp took the high score and Rita Crofts the low while our reporter Audrey Vick had the high score for the "gents" and also won the special draw. Low man was Don Curry while Harold Harvie held the most lone hands.

Tuesday, February 3 contract bridge at Stanhope: Betty Dicker and Len McNeice had the only Slam for the afternoon and the lucky draw winner was Dorothy Strype. Muriel McIntosh had the highest score of 4970 with Harold Cox 4740 second, Betty Dicker 4570 third and in fourth Len McNeice at 4340. Muriel McIntosh's "D.D.O.D." Special Award confirmed her as the "Deputy Director of Distinction."



The County of Haliburton is an upper-tier municipality serving approximately 15,000 permanent residents and a large seasonal population. With an annual budget of \$15 million, we provide a host of services to our residents located in four municipalities. The Haliburton Highlands is an attractive year round tourist destination that provides a diverse choice of recreation and leisure activities.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

The County of Haliburton invites applications from qualified individuals for the position of Chief Administrative Officer.

Leading a team of County employees, the individual will provide professional advice and support to the Warden and Council in the development and implementation of policies and strategies for the effective and efficient delivery of public services.

This position will be of particular interest to municipal professionals with at least ten years of progressive experience in senior municipal administrative positions. The successful applicant will have knowledge and exposure to legislation and policy affecting municipal service delivery, and a thorough knowledge of municipal operating requirements. Exposure to land use planning and labour relations/negotiations will be considered as further assets.

Applicants should possess a relevant university degree or college diploma and/or extensive related experience. An A.M.C.T.O. designation, and/or attendance at a diploma program in Public Administration will provide further evidence of education and training in preparation for this position.

Note: Job Description currently under review

Qualified applicants are invited to forward a confidential resume no later than Friday, March 5th, 2004 to:

Tamara Williams, Human Resources Coordinator
County of Haliburton,
P.O. Box 399, 11 Newcastle Street,
Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0
705-286-1333 (phone) 705-286-4829 (fax)

Resumes can also be forwarded electronically to twilbee@county.haliburton.on.ca

In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the information gathered will only be used for the purpose of job selection.

U-Links invites research ideas

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- Work with you to develop your idea into a research project suitable for student to undertake
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opment in Haliburton County. Proposals are reviewed and approved by the management committee before they are promoted to students and faculty.

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Contact U-Links to discuss your research idea and to have a proposal package sent to you: Box 655, Minden ON, K0M 2K0; (705) 286-2411; or www.haliburtoncooperative.on.ca The deadline for this round of submissions is February 27.



PUBLIC NOTICE

The Council of the County of Haliburton wishes to provide PUBLIC NOTICE that the February 2004 Council Session will be held on February 18th, 2004 commencing at 9:00 am in the County Administration Building located at 11 Newcastle Street in Minden. The regular scheduled date of the fourth Wednesday of the month - February 25th has been cancelled due to the Good Roads/Rural Ontario Municipal Conference.

Gary King
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THANK YOU - We want to express our heartfelt appreciation to friends and family for their acts of kindness and concern during the recent loss of our loving father, grandfather, and brother, Garry Sawyer. We also want to thank Dr. Stephen Ferracuti for the medical care he has given to Garry these past years, and to Paramed for extending that care to Garry at home. Thanks to Detective Wayne Smith, O.P.P. Dave Robertson, and Haliburton Highlands E.M.S. for their kindness and assistance. We especially want to thank the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home for their thoughtful and efficient service. Special thanks to Pastor Dan Millard for his comforting words and spiritual support. **The Family of Garry Sawyer.**

450 IN MEMORIAM

SEARS, JEANNE & MILTON - In loving memory of a dear mother, Jeanne, who passed away January 26, 1999, and our dear father, Milton, who passed away November 4, 1987. Those we love, don't go away. They walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, though always near. Forever loved and very dear. Always lovingly remembered by your daughter, **Carolynn Leaman and Family.**

460 OBITUARIES

BARBARA ELLEN BERRY (nee Coulter)

Passed away peacefully at the Residence on William St., Lindsay, on Saturday, January 31, 2004 in her 96th year.

Beloved wife of the late Jack Berry, dear mother of Bern and his wife Doreen of Minden, Lynn and her husband Alan Schaus of B.C. Loving grandmother of 11 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. Predeceased by 6 sisters and 2 brothers and by her parents Archie Coulter and Lil Walker. Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden (1-888-588-5777) on Saturday, February 7, 2004 from 10 a.m. to 12 o'clock noon. The Funeral Service will be held in the chapel at 1:30 p.m. A Private Family Interment at Pine Hills Cemetery, Toronto. Memorial donations to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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460 OBITUARIES

ROBERTSON, LOREENE E. (Mickey)

On Saturday, January 31, 2004, at Peterborough Regional Health Centre. Mickey McNeil, in her 68th year, was the beloved wife of the late John Robertson (1996). Dear mother of Michael Robertson of Scarborough. Remembered by her sister Vivian Terek of Sault Ste. Marie. Mickey is survived by Reg Armstrong of Lindsay and her niece Cecilia and nephew Jim, both of Peterborough, and many other nieces and nephews. The family of Mickey Robertson received friends at the JARDINE FUNERAL HOME Illman-Platten Chapel, 8 Princes' St. West, Fenelon Falls, on Tuesday from 1:30 p.m. until time of funeral service in the chapel at 2:30 p.m. Interment later at Fenelon Falls Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Kidney Foundation or the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family. On-line condolences can be made at www.jardinefuneralhomes.com

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- Monday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm. Hand Drumming at the "Y" in Haliburton. All welcome. Call Fay at 754-4004 for more info.
- **Well Baby Drop-In** - Mondays at the HKPR Health Unit in Haliburton. 1:30-3:30 p.m. We will weigh your baby, discuss infant care, provide breastfeeding support, etc. Call 457-1391 ext.224.
- **The Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre** invites you to come & experience our exciting Self-Care workshops. Each workshop runs from 1 to 3 p.m. Advanced Registration Required. For a list of workshops with dates call 705-748-5901.
- **Family Services of Haliburton County** is in urgent need of volunteer respite workers, someone who can be a special "buddy" and share your interests, or plan a fun activity with a child who has special needs in Tory Hill, Halls Lake, Haliburton, Donald, & Cardiff. Call Marilou at Family Services 457-5345 ext 308.
- **Climax Climbing Club** - a drop-in indoor rock climbing program offered by Family Services. Every Tuesday ending April 13th (excluding school holidays) at Camp Madeeba in West Guilford. Call 457-5345.
- **Now Until May 28:** Walkers are welcome to use the halls of Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden from 7:30 a.m. until 8:15 a.m. Mon to Fri. Call Moris Duff 286-6079.
- **Skating:** Anyone interested in couples/singles adult pleasure skating once a week at Minden Arena, please call Marilyn 286-6792. Day and time to be decided.
- **February 8:** St. Pauls Anglican Church 9:30am service is cancelled due to power outage.
- **February 9:** T.O.P.S. (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) members invite YOU to come to an OPEN HOUSE. 10am to 12 noon. At the Home Suppose Office, Halco Plaza, Haliburton. Call Yvonne at 286-4905 or Judy at 489-3027.
- **February 9, 16, 23:** Kids have stress too! Workshop series helps you as a parent to better understand stress and get ideas to help teach your child ways to manage it. 10am to 12pm in Minden. For info call Bev 286-1770.
- **February 9 & 16:** The Senior Winter Games continues with Badminton Mixed Doubles at Archie Stouffer Elementary from 7:45pm to 9:45pm. Please call Lois at 286-1765.
- **February 12:** 11am Valentines Fun at the Kinmount Library. Call 488-3199.
- **February 12:** 7:30pm at the Norman Sisco centre, Canadian Federation of University Women's Club, Haliburton Highlands meets every second Thursday of the month. Guest speaker at 7:15 pm is beth Archibald, the Director of Community Health Services. Afterwards members will discuss and approve the proposed constitution. New members are always welcome and refreshments are served.
- **February 12:** Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre presents Self Love by Deb Frist, 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. Call 705-748-5901.
- **February 12:** Chili lunch, Bake and Craft Sale at the Our Lady of Fatima Hall. 11 to 2pm.
- **February 12:** The Senior Winter Games for District 11, begins with a 3km predicted skate at Dysart Arena from 12 pm- 2 pm. Call Ron at 447-3092 for more details.
- **February 12:** Valentine Luao and Potluck lunch at the Ontario Early Years Centre (Minden) from 10am to 1pm. Please sign up 286-1770.
- **February 13:** 10:30am Valentine Fun at the Coboconk Library. Call 454-1777.
- **February 14:** 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Dogsledding Workshop presented by the Haliburton Highlands Trails & Tours Network & Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve. To register contact 705-489-4049, info@trailsandtours.on.ca /visit www.trailsandtours.com.
- **February 14:** Tall Pines Snowmobile Club & Lions Camp Dorset POKER RALLY & ST. VALENTINES DANCE. 10am at Lions Camp Dorset, Kawagama Lake Rd, Dorset. Proceeds to aid Kidney Dialysis Lions Camp Dorset. Call Barb (705) 766-2108 or Donna (705) 766-9253 www.tallpines.org
- **February 14:** 9:30am Valentine Stories & Craft -Kirkfield Library. Call 438-3331.
- **February 14:** 1:30pm Valentine Stories & Craft -Carden Library. Call 833-2845.
- **February 18:** We will be having "Beach Day" at the Ontario Early Years Centre (Minden). Lets pretend it's summer again and play some beach games! 286-1770
- **February 18:** Come on over to the Art Gallery in Minden. The Women's Institute will have a discussion on Successful Women and Business & Industry. 1:30 p.m.
- **February 18:** Craft day for adults at the Burnt River Library starting at 12 noon. Call 454-9646 for more details.
- **February 19:** The Bedtime Rhyme Time" Bookmaking Workshop for parents of children ages 0-3. 1:00 pm. Please bring an assortment of photos of your child and we will add poems, fingerplays and songs. Ontario Early Years Centre, Minden Call 286-1770.
- **February 21:** 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.: Snowshoeing Workshop presented by Haliburton Highlands Trails & Tours Network and the Leslie M. Frost Centre. To register contact 705-489-4049, info@trailsandtours.on.ca or visit www.trailsandtours.com.
- **February 21:** Annual General Meeting and Dinner of the Haliburton County Fair sponsored by the Minden Agricultural Society at the Minden United Church, Newcastle Street. 5pm til 6:30pm. Call 489-2705.
- **February 24:** Ontario Early Years Centre (Minden) will be having a pancake and sausage lunch. 286-1770.
- **February 24:** 12 noon Craft Time for Adults at the Norland Library. Call 454-8552.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.on.ca, or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is **NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS** taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events and in the Highlands.

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